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Section 1. Amendments to the Claims

Claim 1. (Previously amended): Ammunition feeder comprising:

- 5 a handle portion;
- a head portion;
- said handle portion integrally attached to said head portion;
- said handle portion made of injection molded plastic to a flat elongate
- shape approximately seven and one half inches long, one inch wide and one eighth of an inch
- 10 thick;
- said handle portion tapering to approximately one half of an inch at the junction
- point between said handle and said head;
- said handle having raised portions to help the user maintain his grip on
- said handle;
- 15 said head portion attached at a right angle to said handle and shaped to
- allow the end of an ammunition belt to snap onto said head portion;
- said head portion being approximately cylindrically shaped and approximately
- the diameter of a bullet contained in said ammunition belt; and
- said head portion being flattened longitudinally on one side and including a
- 20 longitudinally disposed recess so that the feed pawl of a machine gun is not activated by said
- head portion.

- 2. (Currently amended): Ammunition feeder as claimed in claim 1 wherein said head portion
- ~~notes is capable of mating to and feeding a with a US Army standard issue machine gun selected~~
- 25 from the group consisting of (M60 machine gun and 240 Golf machine gun).



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3. (Previously amended): Ammunition feeder as claimed in claim 1 wherein said head portion links easily to a 7.62 mm ammunition belt.

4. (Previously amended): Ammunition feeder as claimed in claim 1 wherein said head portion accepts 5.56 mm belted ammunition.

5 5. (Previously amended): Ammunition feeder as claimed in claim 1 wherein said ammunition feeder is constructed of stiff yet flexible plastic.

6. (Previously amended): Ammunition feeder as claimed in claim 1 wherein said feeder allows the user to load ammunition into said machine gun without opening the feed tray of the gun.

10 7. (Previously amended): Ammunition feeder as claimed in claim 1 wherein said feeder pushes empty shell casings from said machine gun outside the gun.

8. (Currently amended): Ammunition feeder as claimed in claim 1 wherein said feeder helps reduce the time of loading said machine gun. ~~by a factor of ten over conventional loading times.~~

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9. (Previously amended): Ammunition feeder as claimed in claim 1 wherein said feeder can be used to load said machine gun at night and in conditions of low visibility.

10. (Previously entered): Ammunition feeder as claimed in claim 1 wherein said head portion

20 accepts 50 caliber belted ammunition.



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11. (Canceled): ~~Ammunition feeder as claimed in claim 1 wherein said head portion mates with a US Army standard issue 240 Golf machine gun.~~

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Remarks

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Applicant appreciates the observations of Examiner during prosecution of this application.

In response to objections regarding Claim 2, said claim has been recast into Markush group language. This is intended to convey the original intent of this claim.

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This is a substitute amendment and reply, intended to replace the reply dated 03/09/2005. A cancelled claim was omitted from that reply. The error is herein corrected.

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Every effort has been made to constructively amend each area of the claims and specification in accordance with all of the examiner's observations in the above-referenced Office Action. Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests a timely Allowance in this case.

Respectfully Submitted,

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